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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-848)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Merchant et al (U.S. 6,732,184) and further in view of Moriconi et al (U.S. 6,941,472).

1. As per claims 1,11,22 Merchant disclosed computer network comprising: a multi port network device to receive data packets to be transmitted using the computer network, the network device storing one or more authorized network descriptors; and a computer executing a software application, the software application generating data packets to be transmitted to the computer network through the network device (col. 2, lines 1-14), the software application registering a network rights descriptor with the network device, the software application inserting the network rights descriptor in each generated data packet (col. 5, lines 12-21).

However Merchant did not disclose in detail wherein the network device is configured to discard the data packet if the network rights descriptor in the data packet does not match an authorized network rights descriptor, and to process the data packet if the network rights descriptor in the data packet matches an authorized network rights descriptor.

In the same field of endeavor Moriconi disclosed, “In the FIG. 2 embodiment for non-volatile memory 124 includes a policy manager 210 that manages and distributes a policy. A policy is intended to specify the security requirements for applications and database objects. A policy may contain thousands of “security rules” that describe several constraints, including what applications a particular user can access, what objects (operations) within an application, a user can access, and how those privileges are constrained by time, geography, or external events. In general, a policy or authorization policy should constraint access to both applications and operations within them (col. 5, lines 56-67). One ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention knows that policy manager goes through the database to implement these rules by matching or comparing them against different objects in the database.

2. As per claims 2,12 Merchant-Moricon disclosed wherein: the one or more authorized network descriptors are stored persistently in the network device (Merchant, col. 2, lines 1-24).

3. As per claims 3,13 Merchant-Moricon disclosed wherein: the one or more authorized network descriptors are stored in a device connected to the computer network, and the network device is configured to retrieve the authorized network descriptors from the device (Merchant, col. 5, lines 11-19).

4. As per claims 4,14 Merchant-Moricon disclosed wherein: the network device is configured to retrieve the authorized network descriptors from an authentication server (Moriconi, col. 5, lines 56-67).

5. As per claims 5,15 Merchant-Moriconi disclosed wherein: the network device stores one or more user defined packet policies, and is configured to perform an action from a user defined packet policy that matches the network rights descriptor (Moriconi, col. 5, lines 56-67).

6. As per claims 6,16 Merchant-Moriconi disclosed wherein: the network device is configured to route the data packet using a layer 2-3 switch (Merchant, col. 3, lines 11-19).

7. As per claims 7,17 Merchant-Moriconi disclosed wherein: the network rights descriptor comprises an application rights descriptor, a content rights descriptor, and an enterprise rights descriptor (Moriconi, col. 4, lines 4-19).

8. As per claims 8,18 Merchant-Moriconi disclosed wherein: the network rights descriptor is encrypted (Merchant, col. 4, lines 23-29).

9. As per claims 9,19 Merchant-Moriconi disclosed wherein the network device is configured to process the data packet at wire-speed (Merchant, col. 2, lines 1-14).

10. As per claims 10,20 Merchant-Moriconi disclosed wherein the network device is configured to block discarded data packets from utilizing the computer network, redirect discarded data packets, and log discarded data packets (Moriconi, col. 5, lines 56-67).

11. As per claim 21 Merchant-Moriconi disclosed wherein the second network device is configured to strip the local network descriptor before processing the data packet, if the data packet has a destination external to the computer network (Merchant, col. 4, lines 1-5).

Conclusion

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (571)-272-3885.

13. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton B Burgess can be reached on (571)-272-3949. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

14. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at (866)-217-9197 (toll-free).

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